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Subject: RE: Additional Water Tests - EPA Case 1281294
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Bob, did he ever petition you/ATSDR for a Site Assessment?

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Bob, I have been asked to forward this to you. Let me know if there's anything that could be/should be done....

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Ms. Melvin,

Please forward the attached additional water tests to ATSDR.

Exhibit J (Water).pdf is from my claim for the apparently fraudulent Cuppels vs. Mountaire Farms lawsuit from which I and others throughout the broader community unsurprisingly received exactly \$0.00 in compensatory damages.

I already sent the EPA state tests showing my well (and others in our community) are high in nitrates and low pH, but I'm not sure if I included all of my tests. In addition, the last two pages were tests performed by class counsel at my request. One includes Nitrates and Phosphorus, and the other is

for something called Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS).

The other test is for PFAS. My well tested positive for 4 of 6.

Also, water quality assessments were completed as part of the permit to double the size of the failed Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility.

See: <https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/Hearings/2022-P-W-0008/exhibits/2019-01-28-SWAR.pdf>.

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It isn't like Sussex County and DNREC can pretend they didn't know the water quality was outside of EPA standards, though the Sussex County Administrator, Todd Lawson, and the Sussex County Engineer, Hans Medlarz, did lie about it on the public record at the permit hearing.

I also attached a copy of a dissolved oxygen test of my water. It reached as low as 2.9 a few days previously, but I wasn't recording that test. This test was performed February 21, 2022, in my home. You should know that I tested the public water in multiple locations which were low in dissolved oxygen and also acidic.

I would appreciate it if someone would react soon. I've been chasing this situation down since the beginning of last year. The spray fields at Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility are unhealthy in summer and cannot support crops at all during winter, regardless of what the EPA and DNREC inspectors told you.

As Rajan Brezinski, special agent with the EPA HQ OIG, whom I have copied on this email, can attest from the 73-page report with 247 footnotes and 124 exhibits I sent him, the spray fields are defunct. Also, a local long-time farmer told me this past weekend that, beyond having caustic materials from the illegal business being operated by John W. Davidson, owner of East Coast Structural Movers and Davidson Masonry, the illegal landfill on Lawson Rd. was exactly what I expected, a dumping ground for Mountaire Farms, and also for a septic company.

Likewise, a brand new home nearby and downgradient with nothing between the landfill and their well tested positive for bacteria shortly after they moved in when I warned them. Three of my friends who live right next door and across the street from the dump have all suffered substantial medical injuries, and continue to do so. It is obviously dangerous.

The United States government built the Pentagon faster than this.

Don